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COTTON PRODUCTIVITY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase country`s cotton productivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether absence of control over seeds providing agencies, adulterated seeds, inferior quality of fertilizers and pesticides etc. have poured water on the aim of achieving the target; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government of India has launched a Technology Mission on Cotton in February,2000 to increase the productivity and quality of cotton. The Mission consists of four Mini- Missions.Mini-Mission-I is being implemented by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for developing production technologies in cotton including increase in productivity, while the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing Mini-Mission-II for increasingproduction and productivity of cotton. Under Mini Mission-II, assistance is provided to the States for the transfer of technologies through demonstration and training as well as supply of critical inputs like seeds, sprayers, sprinklers, drip irrigation systems, pheromone traps and bio- agents etc. The Ministry of Textiles is the nodal Ministry for the implementation of Mini- Mission-III & IV which provide assistance for the development of market infrastructure and forthe modernization of ginning and pressing factories, respectively for improving the quality of cotton.

(c): No, Sir. There is adequate control of the authorities under various Acts to ensure supply of quality Seeds, fertilizers and pesticides to the farmers.

(d): Question does not arise.